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SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS

1. PEKING'S "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS,"
DISTRIBUTED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS
HERE, HAS HIGHLIGHTED FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT SINO-
SOVIET BORDER TALKS ARE STALLED. THE DECEMBER 20 SUMMARY
FRONTPAGES AN ARTICLE BY DPA QUOTING "AUTHORITATIVE
QUARTERS" IN PEKING THAT THE TALKS HAVE RUN INTO A DEAD
END, AND THAT THE CHINESE HAD FROM THE START "EXPECTED
NOTHING TO RESULT FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS."

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DPA ARTICLE IS A REUTER
PIECE QUOTING JAPANESE SOURCES WHO SAY CHINESE OFFICIALS
HAVE ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF "CONSTANT BORDER VIOLATIONS"
THIS YEAR IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE SINO-SOVIET FRONTIER.

3. THE SAME NEWS SUMMARY HAS RUN TWO SIMILAR ARTICLES
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IN THE PAST TEN DAYS: A DECEMBER 17 AP ARTICLE
QUOTING CHINESE OFFICIALS AS SAYING THERE WAS NO
PROGRESS, AND A DECEMBER 11 AFP ITEM CITING A SIMILAR
STATEMENT GIVEN BY A CHINESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON
MOSCOW TO JAPANESE NEWSMAN. HARD INFORMATION ON THE
ACTUAL STATE OF THE BORDER TALKS IS NOT AVAILABLE

HERE, ALTHOUGH WE NOTE THAT THE CHINESE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN, HAS BEEN ACCOM-
PANYING A VISITING ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO CANTON AND
SHANGHAI. THE CHINESE HOWEVER ARE CLEARLY MAKING
AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE PEKING-BASED DIPLOMATS THAT NO
PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE NOR SHOULD BE EXPECTED.
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